Heavy showers bring localised flooding to parts of UK

5 August 2012 - As forecast, heavy showers affected parts of the UK through the weekend with torrential thundery downpours leading to localised flooding in places on Sunday.

The Met Office received reports of in excess of 30 mm of rain falling in very short periods of time in places as far apart as east Devon, Tyne and Wear, west Yorkshire, and southern Scotland, accompanied by reports of hail, thunder and lightning in other parts of the UK.

Frank Saunders, Chief Forecaster at the Met Office said: "We saw torrential and thundery downpours in some parts of the UK on Saturday and Sunday falling in narrow bands that affected particular areas quite persistently. As is often the case in showery weather other parts saw a fine weekend with plenty of warm sunshine."

The Met Office issued severe weather warnings for heavy rain through the weekend and worked with partners across the resilience community to support them in dealing with local flooding that resulted from the heavy rain.

Our accurate forecasts and warnings have also been supporting the organisers of the London 2012 Olympic Games through a weekend packed with sport including sailing, rowing, tennis and of course, athletics.

Rainfall radar 2.30pm Sunday 5 August 2012

Cora Zillich, LOCOG spokeswoman said: "Here at Eton Dorney we have worked very closely with colleagues at the Met Office to support the race scheduling. The advice we received on Saturday was absolutely spot on, to allow us to complete a successful day's racing on schedule."

Further heavy and potentially thundery showers are forecast for the beginning of the week, before gradually settling down to leave fine and warm weather from mid-week onwards.

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